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SUBJ: GOR REPRESENTATIONS ON ROMANIAN FISHING FLEET IN
NORTH ATLANTIC

1. SUMMARY : ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION IS SAID TO BE
DELAYING GOR CONSIDERATION OF US DRAFT FOR BILATERAL FISHING
AGREEMENT. GOR OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH FISHING HAS RAISED
TWO OTHER TOPICS, STAGGERED CHANGES OF ROMANIAN FISHING
CREWS AND ASSIGNMENT OF PERMANENT NAVROM REP IN U. S. FIRST
WOULD SEEM TO PRESENT NO PROBLEM TO US; SECOND REQUIRES
DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTION. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING CALL BY EMBOFF ON NAVROM APRIL 4, DIRECTOR
GENERAL NICOLAE OCANOAIA DESCRIBED RECENT REORGANIZATION OF
GOR STRUCTURE DEALING WITH FISHING PROBLEMS, UNDER WHICH
NAVROM HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL MATTERS INVOLVING
OCEAN FISHING. FISHING CENTRAL, FORMERLY SUBORDINATE TO
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED AS WELL TO
NAVROM, WHICH, UNDER DIRECTION OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION,
IS NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL
NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING FISHING AND OCEAN CONSERVATION.

3. WITH REGARD LONG- DELAYED U. S.- ROMANIAN FISHING AGREEMENT,
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OCANOIA SAID REORGANIZATION HAD SET BACK APPROVAL SCHEDULE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS BUT THAT GOR DELIBERATIONS ON U. S. DRAFT SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN NEAR FUTURE. OCAOIA SAID MOST SECTIONS OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO GOR BUT THAT SOME COUNTER- PROPOSALS WOULD BE MADE ON SELECTED ITEMS. OCAOIA DECLINED TO DESCRIBE AREAS OF DIFFERENCE AT THIS TIME.

4. ON ANOTHER TOPIC, OCAOIA BROUGH FORWARD FOLLOWING TWO PROPOSALS FOR U. S. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL.

(A) GOR WOULD LIKE TO WORK OUT RELIEF PROGRAM FOR ROMANIAN CREWS IN NORTH ATLANTIC FLEET WHEREBY EVERY FOUR TO SIX MONTHS NEW CREWS COULD BE FLOWN TO U. S. AND EXCHANGED FOR OLD CREWS. SCHEDULE WOULD BE STAGGERED SO THAT CREW EXCHANGES WOULD NOT ALL TAKE PLACE AT SAME TIME.

(B) GOR WOULD LIKE TO ASSIGN PERMANENT NAVROM AGENT IN CONTINENTAL U. S. TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONNEL AND TECHNICAL MATTERS INVOLVING ROMANIAN FISHING FLEET. GOR WOULD MAINTAIN U. S. NAVROM REPRESENTATION AS COMMERCIAL AGENT. NAVROM AGENT WOULD BE ROMANIAN NATIONAL WITH NON- DIPLOMATIC STATUS AND PREFERABLY WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO EITHER BOSTON OR PHILADELPHIA. GOR WOULD BEAR ALL COSTS INVOLVING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW NAVROM OFFICE IN U. S. NAVROM PREPARED TO DISPATCH AGENT APPROXIMATELY 45 DAYS AFTER USG APPROVAL RECEIVED.

5. CREW RELIEF PROGRAM PROPOSAL WOULD PRESENT NO INSURMOUNT- ABLE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS FOR EMBASSY PROVIDING GOR WILL ISSUE CREWMEN INDIVIDUAL PASSPORTS SO THAT WE CAN ISSUE CREWMEN VISAS. PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT OF NAVROM AGENT, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO INVOLVE LARGER QUESTION OF ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATION, (AND GOR REQUEST COULD PROVIDE US WITH SOME LEVERAGE TO URGE SPEEDY APPROVALS OF US- ROMANIAN FISHING AGREEMENT AND RATIFICATION OF ICNAF CONVENTION AMENDMENTS). REQUEST DEPARTMENTS COMMENTS AND GUIDANCE.
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